

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

Worrell et al.

Serial Number:

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For:

**PROCESS FOR PRODUCING SANDED
ELASTIC FABRICS, AND FABRICS
MADE THEREFROM**

Group Art Unit:

1771

Examiner:

Torres Velazquez, N.

Response to Official Action

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed October 6, 2000, please amend the application as follows:

7. (Amended) A fabric made according to the process [of Claim 1] for improving the hand of elastic fabrics comprising the steps of:

contacting a surface of an elastic fabric with a microfinishing film to abrade the fibers on at least one surface of the fabric.

8. (Amended) A sanded elastic fabric having a hairiness value of less than about 0.1 across its width when measured with a Zweigle T690 Hairiness Tester.